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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-final Office Action mailed herein on August 28, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a petition for an appropriate extension of time and the fee therefor, thereby making this a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-0630.

**AMENDMENT****In the claims:**

Please amend Claim 25 as follows:

25. (Amended) A composition comprising monospecific F(ab')<sub>2</sub> which is:

(a) free of F(ab')<sub>2</sub> having hinge region intrachain disulfide bonds;

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